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WASHINGTON, June 13, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 7 totaled an estimated 17.2 billion ton-miles, 2.9 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 23 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 389.3 billion ton-miles, 0.2 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 7 totaled 388,777 down 1.7 percent from last year, but 15.2 percent higher than the preceding holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 0.8 percent in the South, but down 3.0 percent in the East, and 2.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Coal loadings were down by 2,296 cars (1.9 percent) and grain traffic decreased by 4,169 cars (18.4 percent). Loadings of metallic ores increased by 1,016 cars (5.6 percent). Twenty of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding holiday week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 31 totaled 86,982 trailers and/or containers, 14.2 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 22 weeks of the year was 2,154,812, trailers and/or containers, up 16.7 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/07/86:

	Loadings in Week ended June 7, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	18,440	D	4,169	18.4	I	1,510	8.9
Other farm products	4,435	I	225	5.3	I	635	16.7
Metallic ores	19,294	I	1,016	5.6	I	1,158	6.4
Coal	116,661	D	2,296	1.9	I	22,183	23.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,505	D	469	3.1	I	2,361	19.4
Nonmetallic minerals	9,814	D	2,842	22.5	I	779	8.6
Grain mill products	10,624	I	237	2.3	I	1,440	15.7
Food and kindred products	11,108	I	111	1.0	I	1,528	15.9
Primary forest products	10,343	D	1,493	12.6	I	1,230	13.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,754	I	124	1.6	I	304	4.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,213	D	508	3.7	I	886	7.2
Chemicals and allied products	23,649	I	142	0.6	I	1,380	6.2
Petroleum products	4,805	I	177	3.8	I	421	9.6
Stone, clay and glass products	10,941	D	622	5.4	I	1,627	17.5
Coke	4,520	D	167	3.6	I	695	18.2
Metals and products	8,727	D	919	9.5	D	106	1.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,190	D	449	2.0	I	3,588	19.3
Waste and scrap materials	8,077	D	179	2.2	I	772	10.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,095	D	3,074	49.8	I	530	20.7
All other carloads	66,488	I	8,672	15.0	I	8,256	14.2
LCL traffic	94	D	48	33.8	I	4	4.4
Total Cars Loaded	388,777	D	6,527	1.7	I	51,181	15.2

Corresponding week of 1985 395,304

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (23 weeks)	8,573,989	8,622,481	D 0.6

Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):

22 Weeks ended May 31	372.1	372.4	D 0.1
Week ended June 7	17.2	17.7	D 2.9
23 weeks cumulative	389.3	390.2	D 0.2

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